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DECLARATION

I, Reese Myers, hereby declare:

1. I am DDC Director for Symmetry Medical Cheltenham, an affiliated company of Symmetry Medical, Inc..
2. I am a mechanical engineer by education and training.
3. I have worked as a Certified Surgical Technologist with a group of Orthopedic Surgeons.
4. In developing a flexible drive shaft for medullary reamers, the material designated as PEEK was identified as a tubing material for medical applications because of its biocompatibility. However, none of the experts in the field identified it as being appropriate for torque transmission such as in a drive mechanism. Torque transmission is particularly speculative when employing material with the area moment of inertia sufficient to impart flexibility to a tube.
5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the selection of the PEEK material for this application provided significant benefits in enabling flexibility but still transmit the torque necessary to employ it as a drive mechanism.

I, Reese Myers hereby swear that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Respectfully submitted,



Reese Myers

Date: 09 OCT, 2006